

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers.

5. (Amended) A well screen, comprising:
a sidewall of the well screen including a material; and
at least one line embedded in the sidewall material,
the sidewall material being nonmetallic,
flow passages being formed through the sidewall, and
the well screen further comprising a generally tubular
protective shield lining each of the flow passages.

6. (Amended) A well screen, comprising:
a sidewall of the well screen including a material;
at least one line embedded in the sidewall material, the sidewall
material being nonmetallic;
flow passages formed through the sidewall;
a generally tubular protective shield lining each of the flow passages;
and

a flexible retainer disposed between each shield and the respective
flow passage. *each flexible retainer extending from a 1¹/₂ in. to a 2¹/₂ in. of a respective shield to provide
a gripping force therefor.*

8. (Amended) A well screen, comprising:

a sidewall of the well screen including a material;

at least one line embedded in the sidewall material; and

a filter media, the filter media being inflatably expandable in a wellbore.

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10. (Amended) A well screen, comprising:

a sidewall of the well screen including a material;

at least one line embedded in the sidewall material; and

at least one sensor connected to the line, the sensor sensing a parameter external to the well screen.

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15. (Amended) A well screen, comprising:

a sidewall of the well screen including a material; and

at least one line embedded in the side wall material, the line being a fiber optic line.